

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8611–S8639*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3056–3061. **Page S8635**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Mammography Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 353, designating October 20, 2000, as “National Mammography Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

**National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 347, designating the week of September 17, 2000, through September 23, 2000, as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

**National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 342, designating the week beginning September 17, 2000, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

**Children’s Internet Safety Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 294, designating the month of October 2000 as “Children’s Internet Safety Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

**Commending Middlebury College:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 355, commending and congratulating Middlebury College, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S8637–38**

**National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month:** Committee on Health, Education Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 371, supporting the goals and ideas of National Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8639**

**Republic of Latvia 10th Independence Anniversary:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 319, congratulating the Republic of Latvia on the 10th anniversary

of the reestablishment of its independence from the rule of the former Soviet Union. **Page S8639**

**U.S. Capitol Construction/Slave Labor Recognition:** Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 130, establishing a special task force to recommend an appropriate recognition for the slave laborers who worked on the construction of the United States Capitol, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8639**

**PNTR (Permanent Normal Trade Relations) for China:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4444, to authorize extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the People’s Republic of China, and to establish a framework for relations between the United States and the People’s Republic of China, as amended. **Pages S8611–19**

By prior unanimous-consent, Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Monday, September 18, 2000.

**H–1B Non-Immigrant Visa:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to H–1B nonimmigrant aliens. **Pages S8619–20**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, September 19, 2000. **Page S8619**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S8620**

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** **Pages S8635–36**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S8634–35**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 1:24 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, September 18, 2000. (For Senate’s program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8639.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### WILDFIRES PREPAREDNESS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management

concluded oversight hearings on Federal agency preparedness for the summer wildfires of 2000, and the President's plan, entitled "Managing the Impact of Wildfires on Communities and the Environment", after receiving testimony from James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, and Mike Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; and Tom Fry, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 18 through September 23,  
2000

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4444, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4444, Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China, with a vote on final passage of the bill to occur at 2:15 p.m.; following which, Senate will vote on the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 2045, H-1B Non-immigrant Visa.

During the remainder of the week, Senate expects to consider any other cleared legislative and executive business, including appropriation bills and conference reports, when available.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Special Committee on Aging:* September 18, to hold hearings to examine the under-use of hospice care in America, 1:30 p.m., SD-562.

September 21, Full Committee, with the Committee on Small Business, to hold joint hearings to examine issues relating to pension benefits guaranty cooperation delivery with retirees, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* September 20, to hold hearings to examine food safety issues, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

September 21, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings on S. 2709, to establish a Beef Industry Compensation Trust Fund with the duties imposed on products of countries that fail to comply with certain WTO dispute resolution decisions, 3 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Appropriations:* September 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the impact of antimicrobial resistance, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* September 19, to hold hearings on United States policy towards Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

September 21, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on the recruiting initiatives of the Department of Defense and the military services and to receive an update on the status of recruiting and retention goals, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* September 20, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

September 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings on global warming issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* September 19, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings on H.R. 3577, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; S. 2906, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts with the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2942, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric projects in the State of West Virginia; S. 2951, to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the upper Columbia River; and S. 3022, to